A Matter of Conscience

"My conscience is captive to the Word of God. To go against conscience is neither right nor safe. I cannot and I will not recant."—Luther, at Worms

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
Sunday, October 2nd, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Second Day of October, *in the Year of our Lord* 2022

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we continue to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which has been a major issue of contention in throughout Christian History.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Rejoice in the Lord Always"* (#307).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"To God be the Glory* (#64).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Romans 2:5-16.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"He is able to Deliver Thee"* (#336).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling"* (#347).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE."*

Closing Hymn:* *"In Times like These"* (#328).

Benediction.*

"Official Conscience"

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*

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Week of Sept. 25 - Oct. 1
Sunday School—8; Morning Worship—19
Midweek Prayer—5; Church Offering: $702.00

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

We continue in our studies on the last days of Babylon (Dan. 5).

Today's Verse for Reflection:

"To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled."—Titus 1:15 (NASB)

The Human Faculty of CONSCIENCE

Explicitly, a NT concept, that may be defined as follows:

> An internal witness within a man that tells him that he must *DO* what he perceives to be right, and likewise, to *AVOID* that which he perceives to be wrong.

Conscience is common to humanity: unbelievers *also* have the internal testimony of conscience (Rom. 2:14-15).

Like every other part of man, the conscience is **fallen**. It can thus be *dulled, corrupted* (Tit. 1:15), or *seared & non-functional* (1Tim. 4:2).

One should be sensitive to the demands of conscience (James 4:17).

But note! Conscience does *not* inform or teach us what *is* right or wrong; rather, it prods us to respect that which we either *feel,* or have been *instructed,* is right. Consequently, conscience must be *rightly informed*, or instructed. ***Warning****:* one can thus do what is objectively *wrong*, out of *ignorance…* in "*good conscience!*" (1Tim. 1:13, Acts 26:9, John 16:2-3). Conscience thus *may*—or may *not*—serve as an accurate guide to behavior. **Our consciences must therefore be regulated by the objective source of *Scripture*.**

AFRICA UPDATE

From: Pastor Keith Merriman;
Dateline: Sept. 24, 2022.

Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord—**Pastor Simon Peter Otudo** (Eastern Uganda) had **41 baptisms** on Thursday!! New converts from Kotimonga GBC, Komelekes GBC and from Kwarikwar GBC. Pray for these new believers to be faithful!

Also pray for pastor Simon Peter as he will be in Tanzania and then Rwanda for leadership training.

As always thanks for all your gifts and prayers.
God bless, Keith